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KOREAN ENDEAVORERS GREET WORLD'S UNION PRESIDENT IN SEOUL

For Christ and the Church...

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

Cover

When Dr. Daniel A. Poling visited Korea in December the officers of the Korean Union turned out in full force to welcome him at Seoul. Sungsoo Whang, president of the Korean Union, is standing at the right of Dr. Poling (front row, fifth from left) in the cover picture.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . . .

We Salute!

We salute the scores of individuals, societies, unions and business houses for their inspiring support of the 1959 Outdoor Poster Program. We salute Phyllis I. Rike, the International Society's secretary for promotion and publicity, for her leadership of an effort that numbers among the best yet. Again a record number of posters dot the highways and city streets throughout Canada and the United States. We salute the many local outdoor poster plant owners for their contribution posting of Christian Endeavor outdoor posters. We salute the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc., Mr. Frank Blake, Director of Public Policy, for their sympathetic interest in this highway evangelism project year after year.

We Are Grateful!

Hearty thanks again to Mr. Albert H. Diebold of New York City, for his third substantial gift to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, making possible the extension of our Christian Citizenship Crusade into 1959. The contest, with the Albert H. Diebold Citizenship Awards, will be featured again this year.

We Congratulate!

Our congratulations and good wishes to headquarters associate Marjorie Plymail as she became Mrs. Gerald Brackett in a recent wedding at the Church of the Nazarene, Lithopolis, Ohio. Marjorie is secretary to the Extension Secretary; Gerald is a United States Airman, until recently assigned to the Lockbourne Air Base, just outside Columbus. We wish God's richest blessings on them as they take up life together.

Know More!

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism was held recently in Indianapolis. The International Society and the National Association of Evangelicals are the only Protestant bodies numbered among the fifty-two participating agencies in the conference.

Denes Nagy, a student from Budapest, Hungary, in the front lines of the Hungarian revolution in 1956, had this to say to the youth of America, "Never have I seen such freedom as you have here in the United States." The revolution happened by spontaneous combustion, according to Nagy. The students had hope of improving conditions. They made demands. Emotional pressure built up. Then Communist guards fired on the students and the revolution was on, only to be cruelly crushed by Soviet tanks.

"The average citizen here knows so little about Communism that it frightens me," Mr. Nagy said. "If you want to keep this precious freedom, you should know more about Communism, because the Reds are bent on taking that freedom from you." *(Taken from the December, 1958, issue of Freedom's Facts, a publication of the All-American Conference.)*

Christian Endeavor young people, the menace of Communism is here and now. Here is your opportunity to prove to the world that Christ is the answer.

Your Will!

Consider remembering the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your will. It will provide assurance that Christian Endeavor's ministry will continue beyond your lifetime. For information write to the General Secretary, Harold E. Westerhoff, at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

I Press On!

It's anniversary time. Everywhere the 78th birthday of Christian Endeavor is being marked. But the end of the old year marks the beginning of a new one. May the words of the Apostle Paul, combined with the Christian Endeavor pledge, be on your lips as you step over into a new year of Christian Endeavor history, "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on . . . trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength."

Harold Westerhoff

THE STORY OF *Christian Endeavor Week 1959*

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Happy Birthday!

'S Christian Endeavor's 78th birth-lay! Here's the story of a great Week.

·pose—

Christian Endeavor Week, January February 1, will mark the anniversary the movement and give special im-us to the work of youth for Christ l for the Church.

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"In the Household of God" is the em-asis, based on Ephesians 2:19 and lift- up the opportunities and responsi-ties of churchmanship.

rticipants—

Millions of young people throughout world in thousands of Protestant urches are taking part in this celebra-n.

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Christian Endeavor Day, Sunday, bruary 1, will be the climax of this ecial week when youth will participate local church services. Many rallies, nquets, and conferences are scheduled.

ojects—

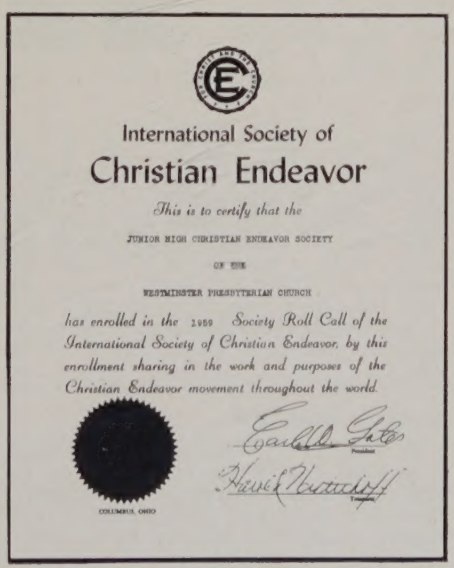
Christian Endeavor Week is being arked by many special activities.

Throughout North America outdoor ster panels are presenting the message, ive Daily . . . For Christ and the urch."

This highway evangelism is an annual ature. It is made possible by contri-tion postings by individual poster com-nies who are members of the Outdoor dvertising Association of America, Inc.

During this period intensified efforts on the Membership Mobilization of International Society are taking place.

Many societies and unions are enrolling this year as members and will receive special certificates. These will contain blue seals for groups that make a contribution of $15; red for those giving $30; and gold for the groups contributing $50 or more.



International Society of
Christian Endeavor

This is to certify that the

JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

OF THE

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

has enrolled in the 1959 Society Roll Call of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, by this enrollment sharing in the work and purposes of the Christian Endeavor movement throughout the world.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Enrollment Certificate

The Junior High Christian Endeavor Society of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the first to receive one of these attractive enrollment certificates for units which respond to the annual Society Roll Call in 1959.

Individuals are helping in the work of International Society by making annual membership contributions of $15. Some are becoming annual members with their own doubling at $30, while others are sustaining members giving $50. Many are making a contribution of $100 or more through the Cost - For - A - Day Movement.

The end of Christian Endeavor Week brings the deadline for sending nominations in Christian Endeavor's eighth Citizenship Contest. These nominations must be postmarked no later than Monday, February 2, and should be mailed to Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of the International Society.

Promoters—

Chairmen for the outdoor poster program in the various unions include the following:

Colorado, Nancy Agatsuma; *Illinois,* Judy Smith; *Indiana,* Gordon Bates; *Kentucky,* Rev. Henry Jager; *Maryland,* Herbert Bounds; *Michigan,* Nathalie Nyhuis and John Kleinheksel; *Minnesota,* Tom Plaisted; *New Jersey,* Ira Vanderzee; *New York,* Mildred A. L. Christgau; *North Carolina,* Doris Teague; *Ohio,* Mrs. James M. Buckley; *Oregon,* Glenda McBride; *Pennsylvania,* Jean E. Long; *Texas,* Mary Helen Manning; *Virginia,* C. Gardener Henderson; *Washington,* Lanson Ross; *West Virginia,* George Allen, Jr.; *Wisconsin,* Della TePaske; and *Ontario,* Oliver Benner.

Keystone State Prepares Big Welcome For Thousands in July

Going to Philadelphia?

That question will be asked many young people throughout North America in the days ahead.

There's an active committee in Philadelphia preparing to welcome thousands of Endeavorers to the "City of Brotherly Love" July 6-11 for the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Headed by co-chairmen Arch J. McQuilkin and John R. Harper, the committee is already well organized and great plans are under way. Frequent meetings of the Philadelphia Committee are being held.

The Pennsylvania Union, host for the convention, is conducting a special effort to register thousands of Endeavorers under the direction of Frances M. Becker, vice-chairman of the local committee in charge of registrations.

Registration Honors for Unions

A registration contest sponsored by the International Society began January 1.

The contest for state and provincial unions is divided into two divisions. The first report period ends January 31. An award of $10 will be given monthly to the union in each division which makes the greatest percentage increase toward its minimum goal. Second place awards will also be made.

The contest closes June 15 when those in leading positions will be eligible for special banners, to be awarded at the convention. Positions in the convention parade and choice seats at convention sessions will be determined by the order in which unions finish the contest.

The registrar of the winning union in each division at the close of the contest will be awarded a $25 allowance on expenses at Philadelphia.

A complete bulletin on the registration contest may be secured from the International Society.

The Benjamin Franklin Hotel will be convention headquarters. Daytime sessions will be held here, with evening mass meetings at Baptist Temple. A convention "first" will be recorded on Thursday evening when a floating session is held.

A total of 417 were present at a recent Booster Rally of the Northeast Intermediate Branch in Philadelphia, held at Simpson Methodist Church. Carl Schneider, president, reports that this is the largest Intermediate branch in Philadelphia, with 20 churches participating.

Philadelphia Convention Personality

A Typewriter Portrait of Harry Denman

By LOUIS CASSELS

United Press International

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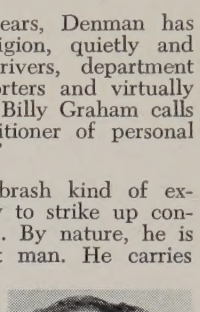
Harry Denman is a disturbing kind of Christian.

He takes seriously an aspect of Christian teaching that most church members prefer not to think about: The responsibility of every layman to be an outspoken "witness" for Jesus Christ.

For more than 30 years, Denman has been talking about religion, quietly and unaffectedly, to taxi drivers, department store clerks, pullman porters and virtually everyone else he meets. Billy Graham calls him "the greatest practitioner of personal evangelism in America."

Denman is not the brash kind of extrovert who finds it easy to strike up conversations with strangers. By nature, he is a sensitive and diffident man. He carries on his private evangelistic crusade because he is convinced that "Jesus was speaking to all Christians—not merely to ministers — when he said, 'Ye shall be witnesses unto me.'"



Dr. Harry G. Denman

"Do you really believe that the average housewife or businessman could do the kind of 'witnessing' you do?" I asked Denman in an interview.

"Yes," he replied. "Anyone can do it if he tries. It's like jumping under a cold shower. After you get under, it's all right."

Denman was an office worker for a Birmingham industrial firm when he began his career as a lay evangelist. Although he still is technically a layman—in the sense that he has never been ordained—he now devotes full time to church work. Since 1940 he has served as general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism at Nashville.

Much In Demand

In recent years, Denman has been much in demand as a speaker. He stays on the road constantly, visiting local Methodist churches in every part of the country to help organize evangelistic missions. In the course of a year, he probably preaches to more people than any other churchman with the possible exception of Billy Graham.

He has done his best to remain what he feels he was called to be—a "lay witness to Christ" rather than a professional evangelist. He refuses to accept a salary from the Board of Evangelism. ("I am a bachelor and do not need a salary," he explains. His living expenses, which the board pays, are held to the bare minimum. When I interviewed him, he was staying in a cramped single room in a second-class ho

He was extremely reluctant to talk ab himself or his work, but he opened up w the conversation switched to a layma opportunities for evangelism.

"Your basic witness is the kind of you lead," he said.

"A sincere Christian can have a profou effect on the people around him with saying a word about religion. But the sa Christian will accomplish far more for Kingdom of God if he learns to witn with his lips as well as his life.

Many Ways to Witness

"There are many ways of doing it. I easier, usually, to start with someone know. If you have new neighbors notice that they stay at home on Sun morning, you have an opening to in them to go to your church with you. T may accept your invitation—or they tell you that they don't believe in goin church. Either way, you have a chanc talk to them about Christ.

"Maybe you have a friend or a busi associate who is in trouble. Help him in concrete way that you can, and meanw watch for the right moment to tell where you turn for strength and cou when you are in trouble."

Won't people resent such overtures treat you as an unwelcome meddler their personal affairs?

"I've talked to a good many thous of people, and I've never met one resented it," said Denman. "You ca do this kind of thing unless you really for people—and they can always tell you are trying to get an 'A' on your spiritual report card, instead of tryin help someone else find Christ, you'll f

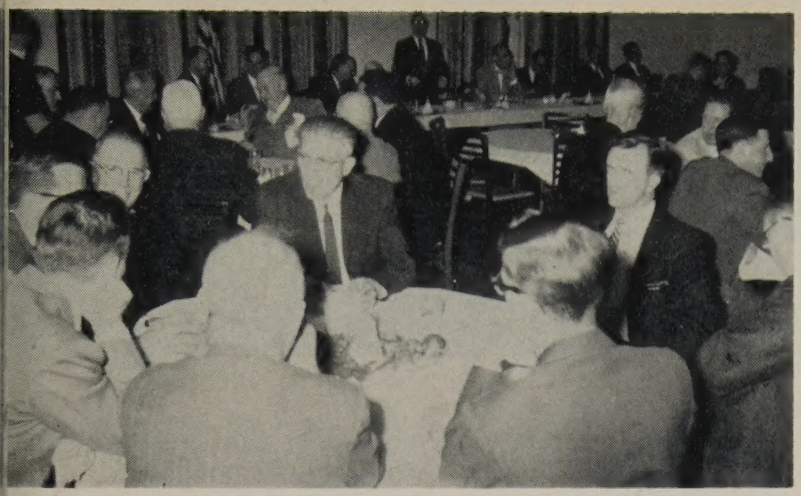
Can one casual conversation actually vert a non-Christian?

"In most cases, no. What you are d is sowing seed. Many of them are bour fall on rocky ground. But some will root and grow. A word or two from yo the right moment, may be just the push that's needed to change a man's e life. I would rather say a million words did no good than leave unsaid the on two that could have been crucial."

How can you know which are the "one or two words"? What if you a tongue-tied fellow with no eloquence at

"The words will come. You are n asked to do this work alone. Just remem that God is working on this project too

(This story by Mr. Cassels was rele nationally by United Press International appeared in many daily newspapers. Denman will be the speaker on Tue evening, July 7, at the 45th Internat Christian Endeavor Convention in Phil phia, Pennsylvania.)



Convention Committee Sponsors Luncheon

On December 10 ministers of various denominations, along with leading Christian Endeavor laymen, enjoyed a Ministers' Luncheon at the Central Y.M.C.A. in Philadelphia, sponsored by the Philadelphia Convention Committee. In the photo above Arch J. McQuilkin, co-chairman of the committee, chats with Dr. Franklin Duncombe (center) and Judge Edward Griffith. At left a portion of the group is shown. Sixty-six ministers attended, and learned of plans for the International Convention in July.

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

Contest Deadline Is February 2

ast call for citizenship contest nomi-ons!

wo young people will have their way to the International Christian Endeavor vention in Philadelphia next July and receive $200 each as awards for being winners in Christian Endeavor's eighth enship contest.

o enter the contest a young person may nominated by an adult, by another ng person, or by himself. Nominations t be postmarked no later than February nd sent to Robert C. Ross, citizenship ctor of the International Society of istian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, umbus 16, Ohio.

he Albert H. Diebold Awards totaling 00 plus the trips to the convention will given to contest winners.

asis of selecting winners will be the its of "A Letter to My Editor" on AK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP! a Service Record of the individual.

he "Letter" of not more than 500 words actually be mailed to a local newspaper or. This gives youth a real opportunity witness for Christ in their home com-nity.

his year a new simplified Service Record n use. The contestant answers just eight questions and secures an endorsement from his pastor.

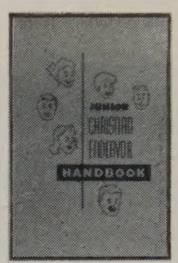
In judging the "Letter" will count for 60% of the score, with the Service Record the basis for 40%.

There are two divisions in the contest, one for youth in the 12th grade or below and one for those who have completed the 12th grade, but are under 25 years of age.

Contest Directors

Citizenship superintendents or directors for the 1959 contest include the following:

Alabama, Mrs. James Ellis; *California,* C. J. List; *Colorado,* Virginia Womack; *Illinois,* Analouise Rinehart; *Indiana,* Jim Bennett; *Kentucky,* Wilhelmina Reinhard; *Maryland,* George P. Williams; *Massachusetts,* O. Lloyd Chisholm; *Michigan,* Rev. Robert Gibbs; *New Jersey,* Iver Kennedy; *New York,* Daniel A. Poling, II; *North Carolina,* Mrs. Juanita Euliss; *Ohio,* Donald Lautzenheiser; *Oregon,* Audrey Dodson; *Pennsylvania,* Paul H. Decker and Dr. Melvin M. Forney; *Texas,* Jay Jervis; *Virginia,* Alice Whitley Jones; *West Virginia,* Barbara Cox; *Wisconsin,* Donald Zick; and *Ontario,* Shirley M. Fretz. *Church of the United Brethren in Christ,* Rev. Ray Zimmerman and Jack Diehl.



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NOMINATION FORM

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio

Valid only if postmarked no later than February 2, 1959

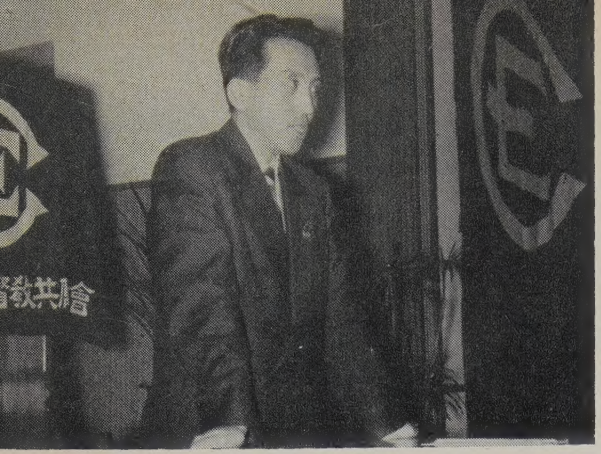
TE: You may be nominated by an adult, by another young person, or you may nominate yourself. PLEASE PRINT

ase enter _____ in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest.
(Name)

d all information to the contestant at _____
(Number and Street) (City, Zone, State)

isregard the following if you are nominating yourself) I agree to encourage my nominee to complete the "Letter" and Service Record.

_____
(Name and Address of Person Making Nomination)



Endeavorers in the Orient . . .

Dr. Poling Visits Japan and Korea

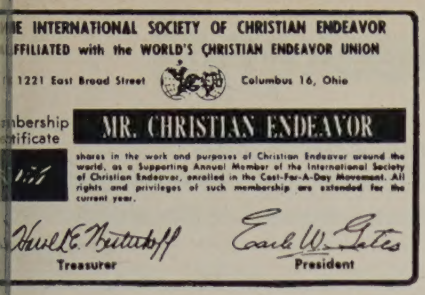
ABOVE, LEFT—Takashi Oku, delegate of the Japan Union, is sho reporting on the World's Christian Endeavor Convention held Frankfurt last July. Other delegates who gave convention reports a meeting in Tokyo were Dr. Raymond Kakuichi Oshimo and Nakamura. The large Christian Endeavor banner at the right, a g from Frankfurt Endeavorers, was one of the very large flags wh decorated the Festhalle during the convention.

ABOVE, RIGHT—Dr. Daniel A. Poling (second from left), president the World's Christian Endeavor Union, is shown during his Decem visit to Tokyo as he met with top officers of the Japan Union a welcome dinner. Dr. Poling enjoyed a brief visit with Hawai leaders in Honolulu enroute to Tokyo.

LEFT—Sungsoo Whang, national chairman of the Korean Chris Endeavor Union, interpreted when Dr. Poling spoke at a special r in Seoul December 19. Over 1,000 were present, despite pre-Christm festivities.

BELOW, LEFT—A dinner meeting and conference with officers of Korean Union closed in typical Christian Endeavor fashion—wit friendship circle.

BELOW, RIGHT—"Grace and Santa Claus" is the caption given to photo by Korean Endeavorers. Little Grace, charming daughter Mr. and Mrs. Sungsoo Whang, and her mother are shown with World's Union President beneath a gaily decorated Christmas t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The Cost-For-A-Day Movement

The Cost-For-A-Day Movement is gaining momentum and is indeed making news! Conceived by the Finance Committee and norized by the Executive Committee he Diamond Jubilee Pilgrimage to Portl just three years ago, from meager innings the Cost-For-A-Day Movement come of age. The cost each day to rate the far-reaching ministry of Chris- Endeavor International is $200. ough annual memberships, half this ount is met. Friends of youth are needed will support Christian Endeavor's istry by subscribing 50% of a single 's operations.

Last year one hundred and three persons agencies. including business organizaıs, joined hands in the Cost-For-A-Day vement subscribing to one-half the cost operations for one hundred and sixtynt days. Some took a single day, some k five days, others took fifteen days,-and took thirty-five days.

What a glorious thing it would be if we ld know early in the year that our dget for 1959 was realistic, thus releasing to do the things that ought to be done at ernational headquarters to keep the pro- m moving along.

For $100 you can make certain that ristian Endeavor's world-wide ministry ıtinues for another day. Why not select day, or several days, of personal signifnce? Set aside a day in appreciation of at Christ has done for you, or as a loving morial to a dear one. Single out a thday, an anniversary, or any day of perıal importance. Let us know what day ı wish honored in your name.

Join the Cost-For-A-Day Movement of ristian Endeavor International today.

QUESTIONS?

Any questions you would like to ıave answered? About a personal roblem, perhaps . . . or something o do with Christian Endeavor . . . r getting along with others. Whatver the subject, Dr. Earle W. Gates, resident of the International Soiety of Christian Endeavor, welomes your questions. Send them o him at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Watch for the ınswer in his questian-and-answer olumn in a future issue of THE HRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Any questions?

With Young Adults

FOUR GOSPELS *Proclaim Our* SAVIOUR

4. Christ Dies for Man's Sin

ONE act of shame and grandeur gives meaning and majesty to the Four Gospels: the death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and of man, to pay the price of man's sin.

The record of Christ's works and teachings is a full expression of God's love and power because of the death and resurrection to which His revelation of God led. Sin could not stand exposure; it tried to remove God's Witness from human sight. Taking on Himself, once and for all, the sins of man, Christ puts sin forever on the defensive and offers man the life everlasting.

(John 3:16; 1:10-14; 4:39-42; 10:11-18,25-29; 15:13,14,21,22; 16:33; 17:20-26; Mark 10:45; Luke 24:44-47; also Romans 5:8-12; 6:3-10; I Corinthians 15:22; Isaiah 55:6-9.)

John the Baptist hailed Jesus as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). But this prophet's insight was not shared at all widely (Matthew 16:13-17; 21:8-11; Mark 10:35-45; Luke 9:54-56; John 3:2; 4:19,25). Some aside from Peter could see in the Master the expected Messiah or Christ, the Lord's Anointed (John 7:31,41-43; 11:27), but even then the Messiah was regarded as one who might deliver the Jews from their captors, not Him who redeemed man from sin.

The road to Calvary is straight and unbroken from the Transfiguration to Jerusalem, Gethsemane, the trials, the vicious scourging or flogging, the mocking by Jews and Romans alike and the final sacrifice of the Lamb of God.

It is on the Mount of Transfiguration that the ministry and its saving message are affirmed (Luke 9:28-36; Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-10) and now the Saviour "stedfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). Yet even now James and John, who had been with the transfigured Christ, could not grasp the meaning of what they have seen and heard. James and John want their Master's foes consumed with fire from heaven (Luke 9:54-56); they ask for chief seats "in thy glory," which still appears to them as a form of earthly kingdom (Mark 10:35-40).

At Gethsemane, following the Last Supper, when Jesus is taking on Himself the full burden of Saviourhood, even the most trusted of those He has appointed to carry on His work slumber unconcerned. As the rabble and the betrayer approach, finding that Jesus will not save Himself by some miracle, the trusted ones flee. "Peter followed afar off" (Luke 22:54), but only to deny his Master thrice.

How great is the contrast, at the threshold of Calvary, with the full comprehension and faith unto death that we shall see displayed in the Acts of the Apostles! Truly Jesus must die and rise again, not only to redeem believers but to make belief itself a true surrender to God "with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind" (Luke 10:27, quoting Deuteronomy 6:5).

"Christ's victory over the world would be carried on through His disciples. They might meet rejection, as He had. They might have to suffer and die for Him. But if they let Him possess them, the issue would not be a failure. What they now had to give to others was a faith *about Him*, about what God had done and was still doing through Him."—Wallace Eugene Rollins and Marion Benedict Rollins, *Jesus and His Ministry* (Seabury Press, 1954).

WE cannot grasp God's Law for cleansing and redeeming the human soul (Isaiah 55:8,9), but we can understand something of the spirit with which Jesus came among men, tried to win them with words and works, and finally died and rose again to redeem us from the consequences of the "way of death," which is sin.

The Four Gospels tell the Sacrifice story with restraint. We learn less of the Saviour's physical torment than of His spiritual anguish. He has been rejected, betrayed, forsaken; He knows the duty to preach and live His Way of Life has been left with disciples and with *us*. But the Holy Spirit will help the weak to be strong; the meaning and spirit of His life will be in some measure reflected by those who believe and try to become worthy of His trust.

Humans could not have imagined or pleaded for such a gift as His life, nor scarcely dared to hope for everlasting life on any terms. But God created a New Covenant for us, which can be shared by all who believe enough to put their lives in the Father's care. —*B.H.D.*

A Puzzled Seeker

No. 1 in a Series: "Lessons in Conversion"

Acts 8:26-36

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MARCH*

*Comments by Rev. Robert Hess**

Introduction

We begin a series of three topics on life's most important subject, the born-again or conversion experience. Easter makes evangelism a central theme this month. We will do well to stress covenants dealing with the Quiet Hour and Lifework Recruits. Information and pledge forms are available from Christian Endeavor Headquarters. The *How to Win Youth* folder at 35c a dozen is especially good.

Consecration Sunday

Most societies set aside the first Sunday of the month as their "experience" or consecration meeting when, in response to the roll call of the members, a verse of Scripture or testimony is given.

Let each one as they enter the meeting room be given a construction paper heart about two inches in diameter. Ask them to hold this until later in the meeting. At a given time the leader should ask for a few moments of silence during which each one writes on his "heart" his favorite verse of Scripture. When writing is complete, let each one come forward to a large Christian Endeavor emblem and attach his "heart." Each one's witness will spell out, finally, the letters of our emblem.

At the close let the sponsor remind the young people that as the "C" encircles the "E," so Christ surrounds the Endeavorer. At the four points where the "E" touches the "C" we can know that our four cardinal points of Christian Endeavor are made evident. To simplify them use one word for each—Confession, Service, Loyalty, Fellowship.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service (in adjoining room)
Prelude: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
(Observe period of quietness)
Call to Fellowship: Acts 1:8
Song: *Jesus Saves*
(Antiphonal singing works fine)
Prayer Time
(Assign following items ahead)
Leader and musicians
The discussion period
Your pastor and church leaders
Missionary outreach in the church
Announcements and Offering
(Perhaps this could be a special offering for an evangelism project)
Song: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
Consecration Service (as above)
Songs: *Saved to Tell Others; No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus*
Topic Presentation and Discussion
Duet: *Send the Light*
Christian Endeavor Pledge
Christian Endeavor Benediction

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Publicity

Send postcards to each member early in the week. Prepare a sentence or two for the church bulletin. Have a lively announcement in the Sunday school department, holding up one of the hearts for the consecration service as a bit of "bait."

Leader's Material

It would be well to have on hand the leaflet mentioned in the introduction, plus *A Vital Program for Youth* (free in reasonable quantities from International Society), and some good booklet on soul-winning for background material.

Topic Presentation

Tonight we have two men to present to you. Let's look back into history a little bit and see who these characters were. _____ will tell us about Philip (look up in a good Bible dictionary, see also Acts 6:5). _____ will tell us about a eunuch (see history under Candace).

Now let's read the Scripture lesson, Acts 8:26-39, and pick out the high points:
Revival in Samaria, verse 25
Leave, go south to desert, verse 26
Obeyed the angel of the Lord, verses 27,29,30; go, go, ran
The big question, verse 30
The big pay-off, verse 35
Believer's baptism, verse 36-38
Disappearing prophet, verse 39

Discussion

Five questions are in the text of the lesson, and we will do well to spend some time with them.

Question One: Understandest thou what thou readest? Here several references can be given out:
Psalm 119:18. A prayer.
I Corinthians 2:14. Natural man.
I Corinthians 13:11,12. Darkness.
II Peter 3:16. Hard to understand.
John 7:17. A promise for seekers.
John 20:31. Writing to convince.

Question Two: How can I understand?
II Timothy 3:16. Word to teach.
John 6:63. Spirit quickeneth.
II Peter 1:19. Light dawns.

"Present Your Bodies a Living Sacrifice"

Covenant

FOR

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LIFEWORK RECRUITS

Feeling myself called by the Holy Spirit, and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that from this day forth I will strive to shape the plans of my life so that I may give myself wholly to the service of Christ and the Church.

"Be Still and Know That I am God"

Membership Covenant

FOR

COMRADES OF THE QUIET HOU

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strengt I will make it a rule of my life to set ap at least fifteen minutes every day, if possib in the early morning, for quiet meditati and direct communication with God.

Question Three: Who shall declare?
Question Four: Who speaketh?
Luke 24:27,44. Jesus' example.
Matthew 5:18. Christ fulfills.
Mark 16:15,16. God's commission.
Question Five: What doth hinder me to be baptized?
Acts 8:38. The answer of a good conscience.
Acts 3:37,38.
Acts 4:12.

For Consideration and Discussion

What would have happened if Philip had failed to go down to the desert?

Is the fact that Ethiopia is open to the Gospel today a result of this early witnessing?

How do you suppose the eunuch came in touch with the message of Isaiah? Discuss that he might have gone to the synagogue, or heard the preaching on the streets, or merely heard rumors of this new religion and became curious.

Where can we as young people plan to go as individuals or as groups to carry a witness of the Gospel? Name ways and means.

How does your Quiet Hour help prepare you for witnessing?

Let the Evangelism Committee of the society outline their program for witnessing at this season.

Life Illustrations

As time may permit, let your pastor, youth director, sponsor or guest similarly some experiences that they have had in answering the questions of seekers.

Some of your keen young people could take the place of personal worker and seeker, and prepare a little dialogue.

The young people might quiz their pastor upon matters in the Bible that have bothered them.

Closing

The pastor in making the summary might tactfully give an invitation for anyone who is not really a Christian to give his heart and life to Christ, (Romans 10:9,10) and if some are not sure let them respond so that there can be further counsel.

They Led Others to Christ

No. 1 in a Series: "Witnessing for Christ"

Matthew 4:18-20; John 1:40-42

nior High (12-14 Years) *MARCH 1*

*nments by Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr.**

re's Your Chance

This is your opportunity to prove one of t great premises of Christian Endeavor. is series of three topics on "Witnessing Christ" comes at a time when the pastor l officials of your church will welcome ith participation in a Lenten evangelistic phasis.

omoting the Meeting

This would be a good opportunity to try "fishers of men" meeting. Some of the at disciples of old were fishermen and re called to go fishing for men. Figure the variation which will work best for ir society. One society met one hour ly and went visiting, or fishing, for nds.

It would be wise to list the addresses of sentees and those who are considered spects for your Christian Endeavor. Be e to double check all Sunday school and urch records.

A suggested poster could include a pic- e of a fisherman and the caption, "Let's fishing." Be sure to have a pre-prayer vice for the meeting.

ogramming the Meeting

Using the fisherman theme, each Endeav- r, upon arriving, could go "fishing," us- g appropriate equipment. Each participant uld catch a fish (listing his part in the eting). Perhaps it would be more ideal assign some of the parts during the week, fore giving these assignments, which are the form of a paper fish.

Since this is the beginning of a series of sons, and the first Sunday of the month, is meeting would be a good time to have special consecration service concerning tnessing. Each member could choose a ecific number of persons that he will itness to during the weeks to come.

Some suggested songs for use during the eeting are: *More Like the Master; Saved Tell Others; Jesus Saves; It Took a Mira- e; Since Jesus Came into My Heart.*

ur Examples of Witnessing

Andrew is called one of the "Saints of e Rank and File," by Peter Marshall. Dr. arshall calls him Andrew, the Introducer. e cannot all preach, teach or be a mis- nary, but every one of us can seek to be troducers. Andrew was a disciple of John fore he sought out Christ. It is hard for me of us to be good followers, or disci- es, but all of us must do our best to seek win others in a personal way.

Dwight L. Moody was won by a sincere nday school teacher, Mr. Kimball. Little did the humble Sunday school teacher realize that the young shoe clerk would have such a great impact upon the world.

Andrew led Simon Peter to Christ. Are we doing our best to lead others to Christ?

Annie Johnson Flint has caught the truth of our lesson for today in these words:

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today:
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongues but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side.

Planning for Witnessing

Have the Lookout (or Membership) Committee come with suggestions for evangelism in your local church, or meet in small groups to discuss possible ways that your membership can help in the witnessing of your church. This might include:

(1) Acquaint new members of your church and Sunday school with the Christian Endeavor Society.

(2) Become familiar with the local church program of evangelism.

(3) Plan for a special youth evangelism crusade.

(4) Enlist prayer for others.

(5) Sponsor or attend special classes in soul-winning. An excellent booklet on youth visitation evangelism, entitled "How to Win Youth," is available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Since the cost is only 35 cents a dozen (or $2.50 a hundred), societies should be encouraged to order a copy for each member.

(6) Secure a prospect list.

(7) Send out teams of visitors.

(8) Encourage loyalty and perfect attendance.

(9) Distribute evangelistic tracts.

(10) Seek to interest new school friends.

(11) Cooperate with the area Christian Endeavor union in extension and evangelism.

What Would Jesus Do?

1. Three boys are in school together. All are in the same class at the church school. Andy is bright, handsome, popular. He is captain of his football team, chairman of the dramatic committee, in demand for social occasions. How influence him to become a Christian?

2. Jim is a "brain," easily leading his class. All respect him but he has few friends. The boys call him "a dig." How win him to Christ?

3. Carl is a scrapper—conceited, domineering, unpopular. He is strong-willed, persistent, voluble. At school he is a problem. How approach him religiously?

Some Suggested Topics for Scriptures

Confessing Christ—Luke 12:8,9

Who is Jesus Christ?—John 14:9

What is means to be a Christian—II Corinthians 5:17

How to become a Christian—Acts 16:31
What it means to be saved—Ephesians 2:8
Why join a church?—Matthew 16:18

Another Idea

John Huss in "Ideas for a Successful Pastorate," published in 1953 by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, proposes the Andrew Alumni to Christians who desire to be like Andrew, and are willing to speak to others. These individuals call on prospects and report to the pastor. Special recognition is given to the Andrew Alumni who succeed in leading others to Christ and the church. The more visits which are made, the more outstanding will be the results.

How the Counselor Can Help

The counselor could meet with the leader and outline a specific program. It would help a great deal if each participant was contacted in person or by phone. Naturally, the counselor will be a key person in the listing of absentees and prospects.

SOME DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How many songs can you find in your hymnal concerning witnessing?
2. How many different examples can you find of Christ witnessing? (Possibly give an award to the one who prepares the most complete list.)
3. How can a young person witness effectively in school?
4. What can the young Christian do to witness in a home where he is the only Christian?
5. Should Christians witness by word of mouth only? (If not, then give some illustrations of how to witness in other ways.)
6. Is there an advantage to a Christian youth carrying a Bible to school?
7. Give a demonstration visit of how to witness for Christ and the Church. Have one of the other Endeavorers act like the prospect and give various excuses.
8. Define personal evangelism.
9. What is mass evangelism?

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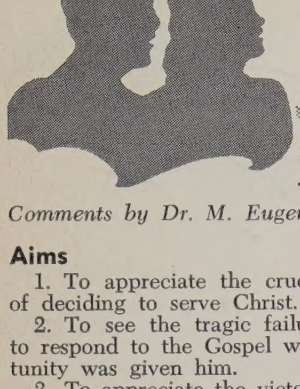
Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.



A Tragic Failure

No. 2 in a Series: "Lessons in Conversion"

Acts 26:24-29

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MARCH*

*Comments by Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven**

Aims

1. To appreciate the crucial importance of deciding to serve Christ.
2. To see the tragic failure of Agrippa to respond to the Gospel when the opportunity was given him.
3. To appreciate the victorious nature of Paul's faith even when he was in bonds.

For the Leader

Nothing is more important than seeing the urgency of acknowledging Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. We must all know that indifference or postponement of decision is displeasing to God and that it can be tragic.

The topic for today is a case in point. Agrippa muffed the greatest opportunity of his life by his refusal to take seriously Paul's invitation. His character stands in marked contrast to that of Paul and this topic ought to emphasize that fact.

You can also point out that the same tragedy that befell Agrippa could befall us who hear about Christ today and refuse to surrender our lives to Him.

Publicity

Find, or have a person with artistic ability draw, a picture of a person whose life seems to be a complete failure. Place on a poster over the caption, "A Tragic Failure," and include the time and place of your Christian Endeavor meeting.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Special Music
Prayer Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Sentence Prayers by Members
Offering and Announcements
Introduction of the Topic by Leader
Character Sketches of Festus, Agrippa, Bernice and Paul
Dramatization of Acts 25:13-26:32
Hymn: *Living for Jesus* (one verse)
Leader's Talk
Questions for Discussion
Vocal Solo or Duet: *Almost Persuaded*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

There are two ways to conduct this meeting which may be considered.

The first, which is strongly recommended, is a dramatic presentation of the Scripture which tells about Paul's appearance before Festus, King Agrippa and Bernice. Select four persons to play the four parts and have them read Acts 21-25 for background for this topic in preparation for the meeting. Have them present chapter 25:13 through chapter 26 in drama form before your Christian Endeavor society. Use bed sheets and a little imagination in making costumes.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What does Paul's answer in verse 29 show about his spirit and missionary desire?
2. Why was it necessary for Agrippa to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord? Acts 4:12.
3. Are there persons today who, like Agrippa, pass over their great opportunity to encounter Christ? What makes you think so? Have your minister or some other mature Christian cite an anonymous example.
4. Although all persons must repent and accept Jesus Christ, because of varying backgrounds and psychological differences not all have the same kind of conversion experience. Give examples of different kinds of conversions.
5. What other helpful suggestions can you derive from this topic?

Then sing one verse of a hymn, while the participants take their place with the rest of the society for the discussion of the topic.

The alternative method would be for the Scripture (Acts 26:24-29) to be read as usual.

Character Sketches

Before the drama is enacted have different members of your society read brief character sketches of each of the *dramatis personae.*

Porcius Festus: The successor to Felix as Procurator of Judea during the reign of Nero, Festus was governor during troublous times. A group known as the assassins was murdering and pillaging. There was virtual civil war with bloodshed for awhile. King Agrippa built a dining room in the royal palace of Jerusalem with its windows overlooking the courts of the Temple. The Jews were annoyed and built a wall to block the view. But the wall prevented the Roman guards also from seeing the inner courts and Festus ordered its destruction. The Jews appealed to Nero, however, and it was allowed to remain.

King Agrippa: He was great grandson of Herod the Great and brother of the notorious women Bernice and Drusilla, both mentioned in this part of the Book of Acts. He was brought up in Rome and was placed in charge of certain Palestinian territories when he came of age, being called Herod Agrippa II. When Felix, governor of Judea and one of the husbands of Drusilla, was succeeded by Festus, Agrippa called on him at Caesarea accompanied by Bernice.

Bernice: The eldest daughter of Herod Agrippa I, she was first married to her uncle. Then she lived with her brother, who appears in this story, until public opinion forced her to leave him. She tried to cover the scandal by marrying the King of Cilicia but she soon tired of him and returned to her brother Agrippa where we find her in our story. Later, during the Jewish revolt, she was the mistress first of V pasian and then of Titus, Roman gener

Paul: Both a Jew and a Roman citi by birth, he was the apostle to the G tiles and the bondservant of the Lord Je Christ. Almost one-half the books in New Testament were written by him.

Leader's Discussion

In this historic scene we see the strik contrast between the Apostle Paul a Agrippa. Paul has committed his life Jesus Christ and is living for Him. Ev in bonds his spirit is not quenched. He aflame for his Lord and uses this opp tunity to witness for Him. Agrippa, w his immoral sister-wife at his side, is petty ruler in the service of Rome with convictions and a debauched character.

Paul had been left in prison by Felix order to please the Jews. When Festus came governor in Felix' place Paul fou it necessary to appeal to Caesar to k from being given over to the Jews. certain of what charge to lay against h Festus wanted Agrippa to hear Paul then to give Festus the benefit of his vice. Paul used the opportunity to pre to the rulers.

He had had the same opportunity bef Governor Felix and Drusilla two y earlier and Luke, who was with Paul wrote the Book of Acts, informs us when Paul "reasoned of righteousn temperance and judgment to come, F trembled and answered, 'Go thy way this time; when I have a convenient se I will call for thee.' "

Now, Paul's eloquence is such that tus, apparently troubled, said loudly too much learning had left Paul men unbalanced. In his reply Paul appeale Agrippa whose part-Jewish background such that he should know the promise the coming Messiah and of the fulfillm of them in Christ. Paul's direct appea Agrippa was cleverly made—"Belie thou the prophets? I know that thou lievest"—and it would have been diffi for Agrippa to have answered yes or His scornful reply is best rendered so what like this: "So briefly you are tr to make me a Christian."

What would Festus and the others t if he expressed, or even seemed to exp any agreement with what this learned m man was saying? Agrippa's use of the fensive name "Christian" is one evid that his response to Paul is not to be derstood as a serious statement of m conversion. Agrippa had a great op tunity, with God's servant appealing to to accept Jesus Christ, but he turne aside with a scornful smile and thus m of his life and destiny a tragic failure. example should be a warning to us all

Christ Calls Us to Witness

No. 2 in a Series: "Witnessing for Christ"

Acts 1:8; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21

nior High (12-14 Years) *MARCH 8*

Comments by Mrs. George West•

omoting the Meeting

Advertise in any church or society mailer ailable for this purpose and in the morn- bulletin the Sunday of the meeting. e something catchy to promote this meet- . Here is an example:

"WANTED: WITNESSES for the Greatest Crime in History. Are YOU a prosecutor or a defendant? Come to Junior High Christian Endeavor and find out. Date, time, and place."

On a poster draw a large hand with the ger pointed at the reader and say, "YOU RE WANTED AS A WITNESS! Date, ne, and place." Place this conspicuously your Christian Endeavor room on the nday prior to your meeting.

ggested Program Outline

e-Prayer Service
elude: *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*
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ayer Song: *Have Thine Own Way* (Dim the lights)
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hrist Calls Us to Witness—Presentation and Discussion
uestions
losing Moments by Sponsor
losing Song: *Hallelujah! What a Saviour*
losing Prayer and Benediction

opic Presentation

Arrange the room to resemble a court om. The judge will sit at a large table the front of the room with a clerk taking tes. Be sure the judge has a gavel. Select jury at the meeting and have them sit at e side of the room so they can see every- ne. The number of jurors will be deter- ined by the attendance at the meeting.

The person being tried, of course, is sus Christ. The topic leaders are His itnesses. The judge will call each to the and to witness. He may also call for wit- esses from the floor which will be any rther discussion by the group. At the lose the jury will get their heads together r a brief moment and then return the erdict as to whether we as Christian En- eavorers are prosecuting the Lord with ur conduct or effective witnesses for Him. he clerk may give a summary just before e verdict from notes he took.

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AIMS

1. To know God expects each of us to be a witness.
2. To know how to witness.
3. To know when we are equipped to witness.

QUESTIONS

1. Must I first confess Christ before I can witness for Him? (I John 4:15; Philippians 2:11; Romans 10:9, 10)
2. Can I be a good witness for Christ if I aim to just get by in school? (II Peter 1:5)
3. Does God intend for me to ask every person I meet if he is a Christian?
4. Is a spoken witness more effective than a silent witness?

A Life Situation

Bob is with a crowd of school chums and someone takes the Lord's name in vain. Should Bob keep quiet and let his Lord be prosecuted by his friends or should be consider this an opportunity to witness? Is there any way he could be a silent witness in this situation?

Topic Helps

1. *Christ calls us to witness.* What does witnessing mean? According to Webster it means to go and tell that of which we have personal evidence. In this case, give the evidence we have that Christ is living and ready to remove all sin from the hearts of all who ask; that He is ready to be our Lord; that He will give our lives a real purpose; that He loves us and wants to be our constant friend; and that He will prepare for us a place in Heaven for all eternity.

2. *When are we old enough to witness?* Age has nothing to do with it. We are old enough to witness when we have Christ as Lord of our lives. When we have His righteousness we are ready.

Righteousness does not come through effort but by faith alone (Romans 10:1-3). We need not struggle to achieve our own righteousness, but rather must live by faith. If we boast, "I did it; give me the credit," we are trying to achieve our own righteousness. If we lose ourselves for Christ's sake we gain His righteousness and His blessing. With this we can effectively witness. Matthew 5:6 says, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

3. *The spoken witness.* When should I witness verbally? When God has led us to the person to whom He wants us to speak. Every case differs but this may be a guide. A heart must be willing to hear or ready to receive, or maybe God will use your words to soften a hardened heart that may be later won by someone else.

We must commune with God and know His leading. There are lives that God is counting on us to reach. Let us be prepared with our lives and then with sufficient knowledge of His Book. Let's keep a private circuit between God and ourselves so there will be no interference. We need no operator to dial His number; we ourselves need to know that direct line. If we are ready He will show us to whom to speak. Matthew 28:9,10,19,20 tells us to go tell.

4. *The silent witness.* How may we witness—only through words? No, that is only one way to witness. Silent witness speaks loudly, too. What we do, how we act, our attitudes, our disposition and appearance, our cleanliness of body and mind, and our care of personal property are all a witness.

If we are representing God and His Son, Christ Jesus, we must be concerned in all these things. We are a poor witness to our neighbors if our houses, yards, and garages are unkempt. No one will see any joy in our lives if we are negative, down in the mouth, and sad. Instead, we want to be alert, happy, joyful, helpful and refreshing if God is going to shine through our disposition. We will never be admired nor will Christ be sought through us if our appearance is untidy and we're not well groomed. Dirt and filth will not draw others to us. So must our minds, our inner selves, be clean if we are to be witnesses. Our actions speak so loud others cannot hear what we say.

Let's live what we believe. For if we say we believe one way and act another, we are hypocrites. God is radiant and can only shine through us when we are radiant.

5. *Where can we witness?* Wherever we are we can be a witness, not through words alone but through our actions as just outlined. At home—by helping mom and dad, sister and brother, and our neighbors. Kindness, love and concern witness here. At play—by playing fair and showing our honesty. At school—through our cooperation with other students, friends and teachers and through honesty in lesson preparation and exams; also through interest and participation in school Bible clubs and in bringing others with us. At work—wherever and whatever it may be, that it is diligent and purposeful, good and of our very best effort.

If we choose to represent God we must give it our very best for He deserves our utmost. We are not worthy of His righteousness, but it is His gift to us. How grateful we must be! He should have our very, very best.

It is our duty as Christians to show our friends through our spoken and silent witness that God offers more than the world can give. So let us be above reproach, above criticism in all things, including our lives, work, play, attitudes, habits, and our concern for all. In Him alone we find peace, happiness, joy, and eternal life. Are we a prosecutor or a good witness?

An Enemy Converted

No. 3 in a Series: "Lessons in Conversion"

Acts 9:1-22

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MARCH*

*Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder**

Purpose

This lesson is a practical study of the Christian way of handling enemies and opposition.

Publicity

Advertise this as a real "how to do it" session. Be sure you do not build up to a big letdown. Be sure to live up to the publicity.

Program Suggestions

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *Trusting Jesus*
Call to Worship
Hymn: *Stand Up for Jesus*
Scripture Lesson
Prayer Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
Prayer
Special Music
Lesson Workshop
Hymn of Consecration: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Announcements and Offering
Benediction

Planning the Meeting

Assign discussion topics at least one week in advance. Choose those who will give time and careful thought to the material they are to present. Have the discussion leaders plan together so that their sequence of thoughts will complement each other.

In opening you may have two persons present the character contrast of Saul of Tarsus and Stephen, each as heroes. Be careful to keep the contrast coherent and true to scriptural facts. Then lead the group into conclusions and reasons.

Love Versus Destruction

Let us contrast two sincere men. One man looked on the other as an enemy, and one did not return the attitude, but instead displayed an entirely opposite attitude.

Read Acts 7:54-8:3 and you will meet these two men. Stephen is a leader among the Christian group and Saul of Tarsus a leader among the "devout" Jews. In this scene Saul of Tarsus guarded the coats of those who stoned Stephen to death. Saul was the leader of this group of men whose purpose was to persecute Christians.

According to the testimony of Paul in his later life he thought in all sincerity that his zeal in trying to wipe out Christianity was the thing God wanted him to do, and he was wholeheartedly dedicated to this task. But we see that the attitude of his heart was destructive (see Acts 9:1,2) while the heart of his supposed enemy was filled with love (Acts 7:60). Instead of Stephen attempting to strike back he simply and sincerely prayed for God to forgive his persecutors, along with a glowing testimony of God's sustaining grace in that hour.

Stones of hatred killed Stephen, but Stephen's prayer of love helped to transform Saul, the leader of the enemy band, into a new person who became the Christian champion, missionary, letter writer, and preacher. He has had a strongly redemptive influence on the whole world for over nineteen hundred years. Love transforms rather than destroys.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. In what ways are Christians basically different from non-Christians?
2. Why do the basic differences between Christians and non-Christians so often cause misunderstanding and conflict?
3. What are the primary reasons for acute conflicts between professing Christians? How many of these conflicts can be attributed to a lack of surrender to Christ or lack of being filled with His Spirit? Why?
4. Can constructive benefits come to the Christian through opposition or persecution? How?
5. Why are some people strengthened by opposition while others become discouraged and even quit?
6. What is the difference between constructive and destructive criticism? Why is criticism not more often accepted constructively?
7. What is our Christian responsibility for the spiritual welfare of our fellowmen according to Galatians 6:1-5 and Matthew 5:43-48?
8. What basic dangers do we face if we have no criticism and opposition? What may be the real cause?

Is Sincerity Enough?

Both Saul of Tarsus and Stephen were genuinely sincere. Each was unreservedly devoted to what he believed was right. Each was basing his belief on what he knew of the same Scriptures. Each believed in the same God. Each thought he was doing God's will. Yet Saul was consenting to destroying Stephen with stones while Stephen was letting the compassionate love of Christ flow out, through him, even through his last breath.

What made the difference in these two persons? Were they both right since they were both genuinely sincere? You say they couldn't both be right? Why then was one right and one wrong?

The main difference was that Saul knew the Law but Stephen knew the Lord; Saul was very religious, but Stephen was a Christian. Saul's motivations were human while Stephen was "full of the Holy Ghost" (see Acts 6:5). Saul of Tarsus expressed his zeal for the Law through hatred and persecution of those who did not accept the Law as he saw it. On the other hand, the compassion and love of Christ Himself was reaching out through the person of Stephen in an effort to win and lift his enemies out of their darkness and hatred into the freedom and true light of God's grace and love.

Our Opposition

The real test of the Christian is whether or not he has love in his heart for all people, even his enemies. John wrote to th churches, "If a man say, I love God, an hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he th loveth not his brother whom he hath see how can he love God whom he hath n seen?" (I John 4:20). The Christian En deavor chapter concludes with this stat ment, "Be not overcome of evil, but ov come evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

Every Christian, if he is wholly dedicat to the Lord, can expect some oppositio and misunderstanding. Spiritual things a spiritually understood; therefore perso who have not been born of the Spirit ca not understand those who have. The Chr tian ought always to have a fresh and u to-date, positive testimony of the day-b day blessing of the grace of God in his ov life. Then too, it is of utmost importan to demonstrate that testimony through l every attitude and action toward eve person he meets regardless of race, cree social or economic status. The consisten of his everyday life with his verbal tes mony will make the difference, in ma instances, as to whether he will win enemies for Christ or make them mo hardened against Him.

Life Situation

Lynn Palmer had been the most popu boy in the Junior class. While attendi camp the following summer he became Christian and made a complete dedicat of his life to Christ. Lynn, a member the fast crowd, was handsome, athletic smooth dancer, as well as a natural lea and organizer.

In his senior year he chose to be t to his Christian convictions, which me he could not do many of the things crowd had formerly done. As a result soon became known among the fellows "Chicken" Palmer, and among the girls were no longer on his date list as "Chris shortened from "The Christian."

As captain of the football team the lows seemed to resent him because would not break training rules with th nor drink with them after games. T faculty advisors were very unkind beca Lynn refused to be chairman for Thanksgiving dance.

The crowd couldn't understand change in Lynn. He was so pleasant ab all the nasty teasing, and he continu went out of his way to be helpful to eve one, including the Negro students and janitor.

They were speechless at the last p game rally when they yelled "Spee Christy" and Lynn stood up and gav brief but sincere testimony as to how Lord had helped him as captain of team. The faculty, too, were quite in ested in the very noticeable improvem in his school work.

Was Lynn going overboard on Ch tianity?

How good are his chances of win some of his friends to Christ?

How to Win Youth

No. 3 in a Series: "Witnessing for Christ"

Proverbs 11:30; Acts 5:42; James 5:20

Junior High (12-14 Years) *MARCH 15*

*Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong**

Worship Suggestions

In order to achieve the true purpose of this meeting it is important that the worship service be animated (zealous) but also dignified. Use such hymns as, *Jesus Saves, Just as I Am,* and *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story.* Two choruses that can be used are *Lead Me to Some Soul Today* and *Moved to Tell Others.* You might also like to have a brief testimony time, with some young people speaking a word for Christ. Let the prayers be concentrated on God's redeeming grace, its wonder, and our responsibility to tell others. Appropriate Scriptures: John 1:29-42; John 3:14-17; Acts 4:8-12.

Introducing the Topic

The purpose of our topic at this meeting is to discuss evangelism and its relation to Christian Endeavor work. We will have to admit that we already have two strikes against us when we discuss this subject with young people. First, many people are "afraid" of evangelism. Secondly, evangelism is often considered a work for "old" people. People are "afraid" of evangelism because they immediately think of some fanatical evangelist, and of "sawdust trails" and of extraordinary spiritual enthusiasm. However, evangelism in its simplest meaning implies telling the good news.

To be evangelistic is to make the way of salvation clearly known to men. Billy Graham is an evangelist but, if you will stop and consider, you will be aware that your pastor is an evangelist, too! The second objection, that this topic applies to "old" people, also misses the whole point. Young people, who love Christ and have found that He really means something in their lives, can tell what wonderful things Christ can do. Read I Timothy 4:12,13.

Need for Evangelism

If we are to discuss evangelism it is important to know why. Perhaps the leader at this point could ask for several reasons why it is important to help others to Christ.

(1) It is important because Christians have a better standard of living. This has some truth in it. Certainly it is true with respect to the religions of people in other lands. However, this job can be done by better health instruction and better agricultural methods.

(2) It is important because we ought to love our fellowmen. There is some truth in this statement, too. But a person can be a good neighbor and yet not be a Christian. This problem can be solved by Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Lions' Clubs, etc.

(3) It is important to make good citizens. It is true that good Christians are the best kind of citizens. But this can be done through the schools and studies in good citizenship.

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1. To learn to witness to others of the wonderful grace of God manifest in Jesus Christ.
2. To renew our own sense of dedication and to revitalize our concern for others.

(4) It is important because men are lost without Jesus Christ. Here we have the real crux of the matter. Men need a way to God. They have lost their sense of direction. This is not only true of older men and women, it is true of young people as well. Consider, for a moment, that this is the real root of all delinquency. Read Romans 3:10,23.

The Purpose of Evangelism

In evangelism we are bringing young people to face the claims of Christ. Remember, you are not telling them how *good* you are! Nor are you primarily emphasizing how *bad* they are! What you are doing is telling them how wonderful *He* (Jesus Christ) is! We are trying to help other young people live a new, full, happy and dedicated life!

The Bible and Evangelism

In any evangelistic outreach the Bible is your watchword—your sword! Read Psalm 126:6 and Isaiah 55:11. You must read and remember passages in which God promises salvation. Some suggestions: Isaiah 53:6; II Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 11:28; John 3:16; 10:28; I Peter 1:23. Have your pastor or sponsor suggest other passages.

The Personal Touch in Evangelism

It is quite easy to give someone a Sunday bulletin or tract, or send them a letter. What really counts is the personal touch! Is the thing you are trying to tell young people important enough for you to spend some time for it? When you talk to someone about Christ you needn't be eloquent, certainly not long-winded or super-pious or proud—above everything else be simple, direct and sincere! Take time to speak a word for Christ. Perhaps some of your best friends do not yet know Him.

Christian Endeavor and Evangelism

Your Christian Endeavor society is a very important part of an evangelistic effort to win youth. Review together the first two of the cardinal principles of Christian Endeavor: (1) Confession of Christ, (2) Service for Christ.

Be sure that every member of your society has confessed his or her faith in Christ. Evangelism always begins at home. Once your members know from experience the meaning of confession of Christ, you are then ready to talk to others about Christ. Active service for Christ begins by presenting Him to other young people.

Evangelism and Visitation

Not only is it important to speak a personal word for Christ, but we ought also take the opportunity to visit people in their homes and tell them of Christ. Make a chart of young people in your area who do not attend church, Sunday school or Christian Endeavor. Then call on them personally to invite them and speak to them of Christ.

Evangelism Follow-Up and Results

Do not be discouraged! Sometimes the reports that are heard about an evangelistic visitation program are so glowing that one is tempted to think that this is not so hard after all.

Remember that although there will be some who will be interested and there will be those who will come to your Christian Endeavor meetings, there will be plenty of others who will say, "No"! There will also be those who must be called on again and again. Do not lose track of likely prospects. Maybe that last visit will be just the one to turn the tide.

It is always easy to give up. Results are to be found not only in newly dedicated lives, but also in a rich blessing in your own lives. Read Proverbs 11:30 and James 5:20.

Meeting Suggestion

It would make an interesting meeting if the pastor or your sponsor and one of your Christian Endeavor members would carry on a demonstration visit. Have the person visited ask certain questions and have the visitor answer them from Scripture.

Illustrations of Evangelism

Young people may wonder if the work of evangelism is really rewarding. There are many wonderful illustrations of what God can do.

In 1870 a man was born in Illinois who was destined to be a great spiritual giant in the Kingdom of God. This man was Mel Trotter. He was a barber by profession. At an early age Mr. Trotter got to drinking and gambling and found it was impossible to quit. He tried to stop drinking for six years. Every kind of cure was tried, all to no avail.

Mr. Trotter had a baby boy and came home from a drunken week just in time to see him die. He promised over the little casket never to drink again. Two hours later he was worse than ever.

Finally at the age of 27 he determined to go to Lake Michigan and commit suicide. On the way he staggered into the Pacific Garden Mission. They propped him in a chair against the wall so he wouldn't fall over. The superintendent, seeing him, prayed, "O God, save that poor, poor boy."

Mel Trotter was gloriously saved that night by the power of God and for forty-three years was a tremendous testimony to the saving grace of God.

Special Note

If your Christian Endeavor Society can afford to purchase it, buy a copy for each member of the booklet, **How to Win Youth.** The cost is only 35c per dozen. Can be obtained from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Palm Sunday Spectacular

Mark 11:1-11
(Palm Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MARCH 2*

*Comments by Albert Day**

Aims

To observe and evaluate the various attitudes and reactions demonstrated on that first Palm Sunday; to discover what place, if any, these Palm Sunday motives have in our own lives today.

For Your Poster

For an eye-catching poster, mount a picture of a large crowd on a sheet of colored cardboard. Lightly sketch in a huge question mark. Over this carefully letter: "Where are they going? Follow the crowd to Christian Endeavor and discover the answer." Give details of time, place and topic.

Suggested Order of Service

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *The Palms*
Call to Worship: Psalm 5:1,2
Brief Prayer
Song Service: Use one verse of several hymns denoting the Kingship of Christ, such as *O Worship the King, In the Service of the King, I Shall See the King, Lead On, O King Eternal,* and *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.*
Scripture Lesson: Mark 11:1-11
A Chain of Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Solo: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*
(may be read as a poem)
Eyewitness Interviews
Group Discussion of Questions
Leader's Summary
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Closing Prayer

Leader's Presentation

Each year we thrill to the joyous and triumphant music which is part of the Palm Sunday season; we listen to the stirring messages telling of Christ the King; we like to lose ourselves in the general spirit of rejoicing.

All of this is fine; however, there is a deeper lesson to be learned from Palm Sunday. It gives us an opportunity to study the reactions of different individuals to Christ and also to evaluate our own relationship to Him.

To help us do this, let's ask different people who were eyewitnesses to that first Palm Sunday to give us personal accounts of the happenings.

Eyewitness Interviews

Give out the following assignments well in advance to capable young people. If a rehearsal is not possible, be sure each participant understands his own part in relation to the whole. He should speak in the first person and use as few notes as possible.

Leader: John, you travelled with our Lord on this significant journey to Jerusalem; please tell us something about it.

First Eyewitness (John): *See suggested Scripture references, then speak in your own words, using following outline.*

I traveled with Jesus during His ministry—heard His wonderful teachings—begged Him not to go to Jerusalem but He was determined to finish His mission (see Mark 10:32-34)—the long journey from Jericho just prior to the Jewish Sabbath—He paused to heal a leper (see Mark 10:46-52), further evidence of His ministry of love—many thought He would set up an earthly kingdom but these events seemed to point to a kingdom of the spirit and of love.

Leader: Thank you, John, for telling us these things about our Lord on His last journey to Jerusalem. Mary of Bethany, we understand you were with Jesus just before Palm Sunday; tell us something about it.

Second Eyewitness (Mary of Bethany): *See John 12:1-11, then tell in your own words, following this outline.*

Yes, Jesus came to sup with Lazarus, Martha and me—I loved Jesus so greatly; though others quibbled over type of kingdom He would set up, I knew He must be king of my life—I anointed His feet (explain) — Judas, because Evil One working in him, complained—Jesus gently rebuked him — even during triumphal entry I knew dark days were ahead for the Master—chief priests even plotted to kill Lazarus because many believed in Christ after he raised Lazarus from the dead.

Leader: We appreciate your insight into Palm Sunday, Mary. Peter, it has been said that you may have been one of the disciples sent to obtain the colt. What actually happened?

Third Eyewitness (Peter): *See Mark 11:1-7 and tell in your own words, using this outline.*

It was the Sunday before Passover—we travelled to Jerusalem along with many other pilgrims—near Bethpage Jesus sent two of us on a special errand—amazing accuracy of Christ's predictions as to what would happen—appropriate to use donkey colt to represent His reign of peace; a horse is an emblem of war—owner stopped us but when we followed Jesus' command he let us go—placed our outer garments on colt's back so Jesus could ride—soon the pilgrims were all about us.

Leader: That is most interesting, Peter, and reveals how our Lord knows everything, even before it happens. But let us hear another onlooker; we understand that you were a pilgrim from Galilee on that first Palm Sunday. What happened?

Fourth Eyewitness (may be girl or boy): *See Mark 11:8-10. Tell the account in your own words, using following outline.*

I was with large number of pilgrims, going to the Holy City for the Passover—had seen this Jesus of Nazareth ministering among the people in my native Galilee—had seen His miracles—even wondered if He might be the Messiah — suddenly saw Him approaching — there was a peculiar radiance about Him—I felt su... He must be the one to restore the Kingdom ... our Father David—began paying homage as w... do to our kings—cut down branches—laid ga... ments in road—shouted Hosanna—earnestly b... lieved He had come to restore the kingdom—alas, we were mistaken.

Leader: Thanks to you for telling us yo... observations, Galilean pilgrim. Here's ... dweller of Jerusalem. What did you s... that first Palm Sunday?

Fifth Eyewitness (may be girl or boy): *See Matthew 21:1-11 and use this outlin...*

Here in Jerusalem we are used to lots ... crowds — this somewhat different — everyo... asked who this man was—those with Him sa... He was Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth — ... hadn't heard of Him before — He certain... seemed to have big following—we were ... pretty fed up with Rome—with this One ... leader we might have good chance to overthr... the Roman yoke—a lot of us joined in ... shouting—all useless—found out a few da... later He was an imposter—Pilate crucified H... for stirring up the people—heard some rum... about His rising from the dead—nobody but ... few fanatics believed it.

Leader: Your comments are very interesti... and have helped us recapture some of t... first Palm Sunday. Tonight we have hea... through these eyewitnesses a variety of ... actions to the key person of the triump... entry, Jesus Christ. Let's see if we ... discover whether these attitudes still ex... in the 20th century.

Questions for Discussion

What different motives prompted peo... to take part in that first Palm Sunday de... onstration? Explain.

Is curiosity a wrong motive for go... to church? Can it be used of God to le... a person into spiritual things?

Is a Palm Sunday type of enthusia... sufficient motivation for the Christian?

What is the value, if any, of the ... demonstration type activity in Christian... (i.e., big rallies, parades, etc.)?

Leader's Summary

We may learn many lessons from Pa... Sunday and those first associated with it:

—mob enthusiasm is a fickle thing

—big exciting demonstrations will dr... crowds, but not necessarily hold them

—curiosity is an intense motivation ... not one noted for enduring qualities

—these fleeting motivations must be c... tured and used as the prelude to that wh... is enduring, Christ Himself

—we must be prepared to present Ch... as the Way, the Truth, and the Life ... those drawn to the church by these Pa... Sunday means

—as Christians we must be certain t... our own personal enthusiasm will be a t... witness of our faith in Christ and no... hollow hosanna

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Committing Ourselves to Christ

John 12:12-19; Romans 6:11-17; I Corinthians 6:19,20
(Palm Sunday)

nior High (12-14 Years) *MARCH 22*

*Comments by Charles O. Heyward**

m of the Meeting

To teach us more clearly what Jesus rist expects of young people today in ir relationship with Him, and to chalge us to do something about it.

ir the Leader

There is no subject more important than topic for this meeting. Palm Sunday l Easter are days when many commit mselves to Christ, either in rededication, ting with the church or in a first-time vision. Perhaps some in this group will making one of these commitments at s time.

Let this meeting be "different." Perhaps chairs can be arranged in a circle or two rows facing each other. See that eryone takes some part, such as arrang- the chairs, passing out the song books, ing the offering, giving a sentence prayer, . Pray much for this meeting. Be e that all Intermediates in the Sunday hool are personally invited to come. ough this may not be the regular Con- ration Sunday, give opportunity toward close of the meeting for individual timonies of commitments recently made Christ. Be sure to give part number 7 someone who has already received Him Saviour.

ader's Talk

According to the dictionary, the word *mmit* means to *give in trust, to pledge, bind.* This is what young people in aristian Endeavor have been doing for years, in their relationship with Jesus rist, and it is what He is calling everye to do—to give himself in trust to Him, pledge or promise that he will do whatever Christ would have him do, and to bound to Him by His wonderful love.

On this Palm Sunday, as we look ahead the day when we remember Christ's ath for our sins and then to the day of surrection, we want to think about just hat commitment to this crucified, risen viour really means to each one of us.

alm Sunday

1. Palm Sunday commemorates the triphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Many ople find it hard to understand why sus was hailed as a King on this day, as e read in John 12:13, and then executed if He were a criminal only a few days ter. But we must realize that Christ could t come as King until He had first come Saviour. His suffering and death for ur sins and His coming in glory as King re both prophesied in the Old Testament, ut the Jews wanted only an earthly King ho would set them free from the rule of

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Scripture: Psalm 37:4,5
Song Service: **Sing and Smile and Pray; Saved to Tell Others; 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**
Announcements
Scripture (Read by three young people): John 12:12-19; Romans 6:11-17; I Corinthians 6:19,20
Prayer Time. Pray for a better understanding of what commitment to Christ means; for each one present; for the pastor and counselor; for the needs of the missionaries; for the work of this society; for the persecuted Christians of other countries, and for special requests among those present at the meeting.
Offering
Hymn: **I Shall See the King**
Leader's Talk
Discussion
Testimonies
Silent Moments of Decision
Hymn: **Now I Belong to Jesus**
Benediction

Rome. They believed that this King had now come.

2. (Read Zechariah 9:9) This prophecy, written by Zechariah 500 years before the first Palm Sunday, shows us how accurate God's Word is. Who would have believed that the Son of God would ever have entered Jerusalem on such a humble animal as a donkey? Yet this prophecy was now being fulfilled before the very eyes of the Jews of Jerusalem. But they still refused to see Him as their Saviour from sin.

3. What does the feeling of the Jews at the triumphal entry teach us about many people today who call themselves Christians? (For help in discussing this, see Matthew 7:21 and 15:8.)

4. As we look about our community today we see people worshipping Christ as "King" and "Lord" on Sunday, but crucifying Him all over again the rest of the week by taking His name in vain and doing and saying things which those who are really committed to Christ do not do and say. On this Palm Sunday we should be concerned for those who are singing "Hosanna" to Christ with their outward worship, but shouting "Crucify Him" with their lives. They need to receive Him as their Saviour before He can ever be their Lord and King.

What Is Commitment?

1. One of the definitions given of *commit* was to *give in trust.* What does this mean in the relationship between each one of us and Christ? If we have really given ourselves to Him in faith, do we then belong to Him? What right does He have to our lives—what price did He pay for us?

2. Peter called himself a "servant" of Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:1). In those days this word meant *slave.* Peter considered himself a slave of his Master, belonging completely to Him. Ought not we do the same? Did a slave ever have any say as to what he wanted to do? Under whose orders was he at all times? If we are true servants of the Lord Jesus, should we be at His command every moment?

3. When a commanding officer in battle realizes that his forces are helpless before the enemy, he surrenders, or admits his defeat, and places his men at the mercy of the enemy. He ceases to resist and yields to the opposing side. We have an enemy in life that is stronger than any army, and that is sin. In our natural, human state, we are defeated by it. We say unkind things, we think ugly thoughts, we try to "get even," make fun of others, and do other things that we are sorry for later. We try to do better but we just can't, because we are too weak.

4. Then, somehow, we heard about Jesus Christ. We heard Him say to us, "I have suffered the punishment for all those sins on the cross. If you will receive me into your heart and life I will forgive you of every sin. If you will let Me take over your life I will give you victory over your sins and change your life completely." What He is saying is, "Surrender to Me and I will give you the victory."

5. In what verse do we find this challenge in the Scripture lesson from Romans 6? If the parts of our bodies (instruments) are in the hands of the Lord, will they be used for sin? What is the only way in which we can be set free from sin? (See John 8:36)

6. When we receive Christ as our Saviour, what wonderful thing happens to our bodies? (I Corinthians 6:19) We think of our church as God's temple, but is it as much so as our bodies? (Acts 17:24) When Christians are in their church, they treat it with reverence. When they think of their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit, should they not treat them reverently also? With the Holy Spirit dwelling in our bodies, how should this affect the use of our minds, lips, hands, eyes, and other parts of our bodies?

7. (Ask everyone to bow his head. Read aloud I Corinthians 6:20.) Jesus has bought us with a great price—the price of His own precious blood, shed on the cross because of our sins. If we have confessed this to Him and received Him as our Saviour, then we belong to Him, and should glorify Him in our bodies. (While heads are still bowed, tell briefly what Christ means to you, and then ask others to tell what He means to them, or of any commitment they have made to Him today or recently.)

Leader's Close

After a brief period for quiet decisions, close with sentence prayers and a hymn.

The Burning Hearts

Luke 24:13-32
(Easter Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MARCH 2*

*Comments by Rev. James Hallenbeck**

Advance Preparation

Advance preparation should include an announcement in your church bulletin as well as posters on the Sunday school bulletin board, pointing up the "Illuminating Meeting" idea. Suggestions include a black background with white lettering, the use of iridescent paint, or representations of some source of light (sun, candle, light bulb, etc.) at one corner of the poster with the head of Christ at the other.

As the use of a slide projector with a screen or a spotlight shining on an easel is an important part of the worship service, care should be taken to make sure the room may be properly darkened. The slides referred to may be purchased through any film library handling S V E products or obtained directly from the Society for Visual Education, Inc., 1345 West Diversey, Chicago, Illinois.

Aim

To instill in the heart of each society member his need for the illuminating influence of Christ on his mind and heart. This comes through the Quiet Hour, a period of daily devotions which, through prayer and reading and meditating on the Scriptures, allows Christ to commune with him.

Procedure

As soon as the group is assembled plunge the room into complete darkness.

Leader: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined" (Isaiah 9:2).

(During the above flash on the screen or turn spotlight on easel to Sallman's *Head of Christ.*)

Leader: "Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Song: *More Like the Master*

Prayer: Three people to pray. First: Thanks to Christ for coming into world to provide our salvation through His death and resurrection. Second: Thanks to God for providing a means of knowing the way of salvation through the illumination of Holy Scriptures and Holy Spirit. Third: Supplication to God for Him to put the desire in our hearts to seek constant illumination from Christ through a more active devotional life. (Slide or picture of Durer's *Praying Hands.*)

Scripture: Luke 24:13-32. (Slide or picture of Eichstaedt's *The Supper at Emmaus.*)

Special Music: *Lead, Kindly Light*—Solo, Duet or Trio. (Slide or picture of Schmalz's *Resurrection Morn.*)

Offering: *Open My Eyes that I May See.*

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Topic: "Burning Hearts."

Closing Hymn: *He Rose Triumphantly*

Benediction

Leader's Introduction of Topic

In verse 32 of our Scripture reading taken from chapter 24 of Luke's Gospel, an interesting reference is made to the disciples' burning hearts. "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures."

Through our worship service we have seen that Christ is truly the illuminator, the one who gives light to the world and to the individual. His illumination continues, though He is no longer in the flesh, through the means of the Holy Spirit and the Bible. For He desires that men, women and young people of this day, too, would have hearts burning for Him.

The problem is: How can one know the illumination of Christ in his own life? Basically, he must first be *of* Christ, able to have Christ working within him. This means that the individual must know Christ as his personal Saviour, believe that Jesus is truly the Son of God and the Saviour from his sin. Then and only then can Christ make a heart to burn within.

For the Discussion Leader

Through a general discussion period let us analzye the means by which Christ brings illumination to the believer's mind and heart. We know one means to be through the Holy Spirit speaking to us as we read the Word of God. However, if the only time we hear Scripture read is during the church services, the illumination of Christ will be greatly limited in our lives. Will some of you suggest how illumination can be more frequent? (The need for private devotions, family devotions, and devotions in Christian Endeavor should be brought out.)

If you have not started a program of daily devotions, if you are not a Comrade of the Quiet Hour, this could very easily be the reason for a weak faith and a life devoid of blessing. For how can Christ give you strength through His Word, if you never read the Bible?

But how do you go about setting up the daily Quiet Hour? First of all, what are some suggestions as to the elements in devotions? (Prayer, reading of Scripture, reading of devotional material, meditation on God's Word, particularly applying it to everyday life.)

Now let us take one more step and analyze each of these elements. This will prove not only helpful to those setting up a program, but will provide a standard by which we can all check our own time of devotions.

First, what should be involved in our prayers? (Make sure that the four essentials of prayer are brought up rather than just a list of things we should pray for. A-C-T-S is a good means of remembering them. A—adoration; praising God for His great glory: C—confession; seeking from God the forgiveness of our daily sins: T—thanksgiving; offering praise to God for the blessings H has brought into our lives: S—supplicatio seeking from God His power and the need for our lives.)

In our reading of Scripture, we shou have some plan, rather than opening th Bible and reading where it opens. Wha are some systematic ways of reading th Bible? (Use of daily readings in *Th Christian Endeavor World* or some oth publication; reading from Genesis to Rev lation; reading the writings of one man— Moses, Paul, John, etc.; taking the life c one Biblical character; reading through major division of the Bible—Gospels, epis tles, poetic books.)

The problem of how much Scriptur should be read at one time is one tha should bring a variety of ideas. How muc do you read and why? (Range should b from a few verses to few chapters. Mak sure that the need to read through a con plete thought is emphasized.)

Possibly the real answer to the questio lies in the most important aspect of devo tions: meditating on the Word. Too muc or too little scriptural material will great hinder the value of thinking over what th Word has said and what meaning it h for your life.

Finally, how about the reading of devo tional literature? What have you fou helpful? (Don't forget the material pu lished by and available through Christia Endeavor.)

Program Leader's Conclusion

The importance of the daily Quiet Ho as a means of allowing Christ to illumina our lives is pointed up no better than an understanding of the value of devotio The burning hearts of the disciples touch by Christ's exposition of Scripture and co munication with them at Emmaus is illustration of what Christ can and will in our own lives.

When we commune with Christ throu reading His Word, and meditating upon and come before His throne of grace prayer, our hearts will burn with the pow and blessing of Christ working in us. W will be brought nearer to Him through th means of communication. We will brought nearer to Him as His Word sho us the way of life in this world, free fr sin's separation from Christ. We will a be brought nearer to Him as we see t means by which we can spend eternity w Him, as obedient children through faith.

The burning in our hearts will mean n only growth in our own spiritual lives f our own good, but it will also mean go for those about us. For as we becom adept in using the Word, as we dra nearer to Christ, we will feel compelled tell others of the means of salvation Christ. This was the experience of t disciples at Emmaus and this will be o experience, too. Our burning hearts w cause us to transmit this fire, this joy our lives to others, by telling them good news of the resurrected Christ.

The Whole Wide World Rejoices

Matthew 28:1-10; I Corinthians 15:51-58
(Easter Sunday)

nior High (12-14 Years) *MARCH 29*

*Comments by Roberta Carrington**

AIMS

1. To become aware of Easter customs in other lands.
2. To re-emphasize the Easter story.
3. To look for "Easter" in our own lives.

dvertising

Make a poster shaped like a large Easter g. Across the top letter "The Whole de World Rejoices"; in the center "Chris- n Endeavor"; and across the bottom you ght say "eggs-actly at _____ (time) _____ (date)." Color as an Easter egg.

dvance Preparation

Prepare Easter eggs as follows: make a all hole in each end with a needle, blow o one end so that the yolk and white l come out. Color the empty shell; when , insert one slip of paper in each. Write the papers the following "orders":

. Lead the following choruses after the ning prayer (list selections).
2. Make the following announcements after chorus time (list announcements).
3. Take the offering after the announcements.
4. Lead the following hymns after Talk #2 t selections).
5. Be prepared to lead in prayer during yer time (3 or 4 people can do this).
6. Read Matthew 28:1-10 after prayer time.
7. Read I Corinthians 15:51-58 after Talk #3.

Hide the "stuffed" colored eggs around ur meeting room. After the opening yer and song, tell the group they are to nt Easter eggs. As soon as a person finds egg, he is to sit down, read the "order" side and be prepared to take his part the meeting. Those who have been asked give the talks need not hunt eggs. If u have a large group, color and hide ough eggs for everyone, but "stuff" only many as you need for the meeting.

rogram Outline

e-Prayer Service
pening Song and Prayer
gg Hunt
horus Time (close with *Awakening Chorus*)
nnouncements and Offering
eader's Introduction
lks #1 and #2
ymn Time (*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* and *Hallelujah! What a Saviour*)
ayer Time
ripture: Matthew 28:1-10
alk #3
ripture: I Corinthians 15:51-58
eader's Closing
ymn: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
losing Moments
ayer and Mizpah Benediction

eader's Introduction

It is Easter Sunday—and truly the whole ide world rejoices that Christ is risen om the dead! Tonight we want to think bout how people in other parts of the world celebrate Easter and why Easter is so important to us as young Christian Endeavorers.

Miss Carrington, whose home is in Pomona, California, is president of the San Bernardino County Christian Endeavor Union.

Talk #1

In many parts of the world, just as in the United States, eggs play an important part in the Easter celebration. Egg gathering and egg rolling are two of the most popular sports in Germany. Colored eggs are given and received in Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, Sweden, Ireland, Russia and France. After the Easter morning church services, friends and relatives in Greece greet one another by knocking together red colored eggs and saying, "Christ is risen." "He is risen indeed!" is the reply. In Norway empty egg shells are often filled with small candies and pasted together with strips of paper before they are decorated and hidden for the Easter morning egg hunt.

This use of an egg as an Easter symbol goes back to the days even before Christ's time when the people of the Indo-European countries thought of the egg as a symbol of spring—that time when the things of nature that had seemed dead suddenly came to life. It is easy to see why the early Christians took this symbol of new life into their celebration of Christ's resurrection. For as the egg seems a dead thing, suddenly from within it comes a new creature as a bird is hatched.

Talk #2

Many of the European countries have a three-day holiday at Easter time. Sunday is the day for church going, big family dinners and visiting friends. Then Monday and Tuesday are days for fun, with games and sports activities the order of the day.

We often think of Easter as a time for wearing new clothes. This is true also in other countries (Albania, Austria, Britain, France and Hungary) where new or very freshly clean clothes are worn to the Easter church services. It is believed that this practice of wearing new clothes on Easter goes back to the early church days when those who were baptized put on white robes.

Talk #3

Jesus was dead—the One in whom so many had put their trust had been hung upon a cross like a criminal. And He had died! Many of His followers no doubt wondered if those who mocked might not be right, for surely if He was the Son of God, why didn't He come down from the cross and claim His rightful place? (Matthew 27:40-42) Yet there was something strange about His death—different from other crucifixions the people had seen. For when Jesus died there was darkness and a great earthquake. And even the Roman soldiers who had mocked Him and cast lots for His garments said, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54).

As the dawn of the first day of the week began, two of Jesus' faithful followers, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, came to see where He had been buried. They came to mourn and perform the last rites of burial, but He was not there! No, the tomb was empty and an angel was there to tell them that Christ had risen from the dead and would appear to His disciples in Galilee!

The two Marys came to the tomb in sorrow, but they left rejoicing and a bit afraid at this wonderful thing which had happened. And then they saw Him! Suddenly that which had been hearsay became reality. Jesus really had risen from the grave! There IS new life after death, and Christ is Lord indeed! "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Corinthians 15:55)

Leader's Closing

It is a mystery to us how we, like Christ, can someday be changed "in the twinkling of an eye." But we know this is true, for we believe God's Word when in John 3:14-16 we read " . . . so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Last Sunday we talked about committing ourselves to Christ. Tonight we can see that as surely as Christ lives today in the hearts of believers, we who have committed our lives to Him must live moment by moment a life that will tell others of Him.

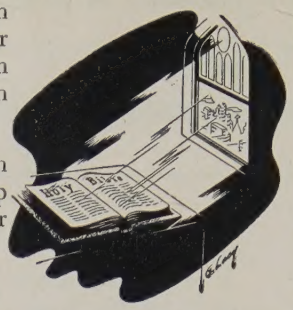
The whole wide world rejoices, we say. But many rejoice only in new clothes, Easter eggs they have received and a delicious dinner they have eaten! Easter is so much more than this. We as Christian young people have so much more cause to rejoice—for He IS risen and lives on high to intercede for us. And one day He will come again! Truly let us rejoice this Easter and every day, that our lives may so "shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Closing Moments

The sponsor or counselor might direct the thinking of the group as follows: Have you experienced "Easter" in your life? Have you died to the old self and been born into a new relationship with Christ as your Saviour? Does your life reflect the joy of a risen Saviour so that your schoolmates and friends know you are His?

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for March, 1959. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.



These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.

Junior High (Intermediate)

Daily Readings

M., Feb. 23. Bringing Friends. John 1:43-46.
T., Feb. 24. Save a Soul from Death. James 5:19,20.
W., Feb. 25. Philip and the Eunuch. Acts 8:26-39.
T., Feb. 26. Aquilla and Priscilla to Apollos. Acts 18:24-26.
F., Feb. 27. Brands from the Burning. Jude 20-23.
S., Feb. 28. Paul Meets the Requirements. I Corinthians 9:19,20.
Sun., Mar. 1 Topic—They Led Others to Christ. Matthew 4:18-20; John 1:40-42.

M., Mar. 2. Mary Tells the Disciples. John 20:1,2,18.
T., Mar. 3. The Disciples Tell Thomas. John 20:24,25.
W., Mar. 4. Peter Tells the Jews. Acts 3:12-19.
T., Mar. 5. Philip Tells the Samaritans. Acts 8:5-8.
F., Mar. 6. Paul Tells the Gentiles. Acts 18:6-11.
S., Mar. 7. Go Tell. Matthew 28:9,10,19,20.
Sun., Mar. 8. Topic—Christ Calls Us to Witness. Acts 1:8; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21.

M., Mar. 9. Winning Souls for Christ. Acts 2:37-47.
T., Mar. 10. A Personal Approach. I Corinthians 9:20-23.
W., Mar. 11. Reaching Others. John 1:41,42.
T., Mar. 12. Servant to All. I Corinthians 9:16-19.
F., Mar. 13. Be an Example. I Timothy 4:12,13.
S., Mar. 14. Ye Shall Be Witnesses. Acts 1:8.
Sun., Mar. 15. Topic—How to Win Youth. Proverbs 11:30; Acts 5:42; James 5:20.

M., Mar. 16. Christ's Example. I Peter 2:21-25.
T., Mar. 17. Kept. II Timothy 1:12.
W., Mar. 18. Bought with a Price. I Corinthians 7:22,23.
T., Mar. 19. Commit Thy Way. Psalm 37:3-6.
F., Mar. 20. He Careth. I Peter 5:6-10.
S., Mar. 21. Total Commitment. Daniel 3:16-18.
Sun., Mar. 22. Topic—Committing Ourselves to Christ. John 12:12-19; Romans 6:11-17; I Corinthians 6:19,20. (Palm Sunday)

M., Mar. 23. Betrayal. Matthew 26:14-16.
T., Mar. 24. Arrest. Matthew 26:46-50.
W., Mar. 25. Trial. Matthew 26:57-66.
T., Mar. 26. Denial. Matthew 26:69-75.
F., Mar. 27. Crucifixion. Matthew 27:27-36.
S., Mar. 28. Entombment. Matthew 27:57-60.
Sun., Mar. 29. Topic—The Whole Wide World Rejoices. Matthew 28:1-10; I Corinthians 15:51-58. (Easter Sunday)

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

M., Feb. 23. Instruction Sought. Luke 11:1
T., Feb. 24. Eager for Truth. Acts 17:10-12.
W., Feb. 25. Instruction Given. Nehemiah 8:1-3,8,9.
T., Feb. 26 Spiritual Receptivity. I Thessalonians 2:11-13.
F., Feb. 27 Advice to Seekers. Acts 3:19,20.
S., Feb. 28. A Seeker Rejoices. Romans 5:1-5.
Sun., Mar. 1. Topic—A Puzzled Seeker. Acts 8:26-36.

M., Mar. 2. Afterward... Hebrews 12:14-17.
T., Mar. 3. Cost of Neglect. Matthew 7:24-27.
W., Mar. 4. Cost of Rejection. Isaiah 15:24-26.
T., Mar. 5. Cost of Delaying. Matthew 25:1-13.
F., Mar. 6. If Thou Hadst Known. Luke 19:41,42.
S., Mar. 7. Too Late. Jeremiah 8:20-22.
Sun., Mar. 8. Topic—A Tragic Failure. Acts 26:24-29.

M., Mar. 9. Overpowering Presence. Revelation 1:12-18.
T., Mar. 10. Glorified Christ. Acts 7:54-56.
W., Mar. 11. Guilty Conscience. Exodus 9:27,28.
T., Mar. 12. Submission. Romans 6:11-14.
F., Mar. 13 Conversion. Matthew 18:1-4.
S., Mar. 14. Divine Direction. John 16:12-14.
Sun., Mar. 15. Topic—An Enemy Converted. Acts 9:1-22.

M., Mar. 16. Multitudes Sing Praises. Matthew 21:8-11.
T., Mar. 17. Glorious Welcome. John 12:12-19.
W., Mar. 18. Let Us Bow Down. Zechariah 9:9,10.
T., Mar. 19. Necessary Praise. Luke 19:36-40.
F., Mar. 20. King of Kings. I Timothy 6:13-16.
S., Mar. 21. Some Spurned. Mark 21:12-15.
Sun., Mar. 22. Topic—Palm Sunday Spectacular. Mark 11:1-11. (Palm Sunday)

M., Mar. 23. Burning Hearts and Meditation. Psalm 39:1-3.
T., Mar. 24. The Necessity of Witnessing. Jeremiah 20:7-9.
W., Mar. 25. Divine Presence. Hebrews 12:28,29.
T., Mar. 26. Ignited by Christ. Luke 12:49,50.
F., Mar. 27. Heart-Centered Praise. Psalm 57:7-9.
S., Mar. 28. The Fire of God's Presence. Acts 7:29-33.
Sun., Mar. 29. Topic—The Burning Hearts. Luke 24:13-32. (Easter Sunday)

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The Quarterly for Juniors

Topics for MARCH

Mar. 1. Reverence in God's House.
Psalm 25:4,5; Psalm 122:1; Habakkuk 2:

Mar. 8. Singing God's Praises.
Psalm 95:1-6; Psalm 67:3-

Mar. 15. Listening to God's Word.
II Kings 23:1-

Mar. 22. "In Remembrance of Me."
I Corinthians 11:23-

Mar. 29. The Stone Was Rolled Away.
John 20:1-

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For Your Prayer Calenda

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MARCH

5-7—Washington State, Tacoma

APRIL

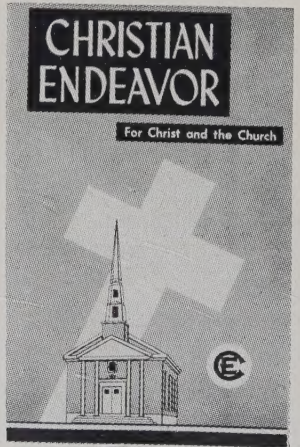
3-5—New England Region, Cambridge, Mas chusetts

16-19—Oregon, Astoria

18—Ontario (Spring Rally)

18-19—Michigan, St. Marys Lake (Spring C clave)

24-26—Middle Atlantic Region, Holiday Ma Hotel, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



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from around the world

the Lord's Treasury" is the title of a book written by Dr. Carlton C. Buck. lished by Bethany Press, the book con- 55 units of worship on stewardship. Buck is pastor of First Christian Church Fullerton, California, and was one of speakers at the 1957 International Con- ion in Portland. He is also the author book of communion meditations, "At Lord's Table."

llen Tucker, treasurer of the Philadel- Convention Committee, has been ying on his duties from the hospital, le he was recuperating from a thrombosis ered recently. Our prayers for a speedy very are with Mr. Tucker, who is now ome.

th of Hope Presbyterian Church, Tarrytown, played an important part in planning for Summer Assembly Reunion for New York e Endeavorers held at their church late in 8 are (left to right) Richard Schlauch, hospi- y; Carol MacFadden, publicity and decorat- Ruth Noye, banquet; and David Johnson, eral chairman and senior society president. Samuel Johnson of Bedford-Central Presby- an Church of Brooklyn was the speaker.

Could Be You" was a special pro- m for high schoolers held January 9 at Church of the Open Door, sponsored by Los Angeles (California) County Union. evening was complete with prizes and rises.

roup of German Endeavorers are pictured at onference held at Siegen late last summer. y of these young people attended the ld's Convention in Frankfurt. Note the mono- n which identifies this as a Christian En- vor building.

Rev. Walter Burkholder

Roberta Carrington

A new topic writer for THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, Miss Carrington is senior accountant with the Water Department of Pomona, California. She serves currently as president of the San Bernardino County Union and is a member of Laird Community Church of Ontario. Her first topic treatment for Intermediates appears in this issue.

Mr. Burkholder, author of topic comments for Senior-Young People, is general secretary of Christian Education for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington, Indiana, and a member of the Educational Committee of the International Society. He is a graduate of Huntington College and Seminary.

James Humphreys. Youth Assembly chairman of the International Society, represented Christian Endeavor as a fraternal delegate at the recent Third National Youth Assembly of the Reformed Church in America, held at Hope College, Holland, Michigan.

A record high for church attendance in the United States for 1958 is reported by the Gallup Poll. Attending church or synagogue services during an average week are 50,500,000 American adults, an increase of 2,000,000 over 1957. Attendance was highest in the midwest—54 percent of all adults. Women were more faithful than men, Roman Catholics than Protestants. American adults attend church far more regularly than adults in other countries. The percentage in this country of 49% compares with 14% in Great Britain and 32% in Australia. Americans aged 30 to 49 attend more regularly than other age groups, 51% as compared with 48% for those 21 to 29 years of age and for those over 50.

"Christian Endeavor Week provides one of the high points of the year for the youth of the church," says Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society. In speaking of the Christian Endeavor movement, he states, "Its evangelical purpose, together with its capacity for leadership training and its citizenship emphasis, makes it one of the most valuable agencies of the church."

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to O. R. McElwain, president of the West Virginia Christian Endeavor Union, who has recently been hospitalized by a cerebral hemorrhage.

The 40,000,000th Scripture to be placed by The Gideons International was recently presented to a hotel in Grand Rapids, for use in one of their rooms. Many have found comfort and inspiration when away from home by reading the Bible placed in their hotel room by this organization.

Over one hundred Australian Endeavorers have already enrolled in the new leaders' correspondence courses sponsored by the national union. Each course contains a series of ten lessons. When the answers to the questions on one unit are returned, the next unit is forwarded. To date courses have been set up for Junior, Intermediate, Young People's and Senior Superintendents, district union secretaries, and ministers.

Royalties of Blue Ridge District crowned at the convention held at McCoy, Virginia, in November are (left to right) Phyllis Hillman, princess; Iris Cooper, queen; Hugh Dowdy, Jr., king; and Jerry Conner, prince.

A Christian Endeavor "tour" was part of the program at the Blue Ridge District convention. Iris Cooper of Roanoke, newly-elected president of the union, was in charge of Stop 4, "The Christian Endeavor Pledge." Other stops included history, purpose and decisions, and the cardinal principles. Lynwood McCoy was elected as vice-president. The retiring president is Joann Campbell. Miss Cooper and Stop 4 are pictured below.

Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., Dayton, Ohio; Carol E. Gates, Derby, New York; and Ronald Snyder, Kalamazoo, Michi

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